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GONE WITH THE WIND

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On Sunday, May 4, 2003, an F4 tornado hit Crawford County. This tornado traveled 26 miles in 34 minutes

devastating homes, farms, livestock and cropland in Crawford County. This proved to be a major challenge for Crawford County Health Department. The challenge became giving over 700 vaccines in eleven days. We involved sixteen employees at the actual disaster site. Numbers of agencies and volunteers that assisted Crawford County are still being calculated. Appreciation goes out to over fifty agencies that responded to Crawford County's devastation.

In responding to this disaster, the health department learned the following lessons:

- Don't be afraid to ask for help from other agencies. Identifying the community's need and responding to people's needs comes first. This became an opportunity to test the Lower Eight of Southeast Kansas regional bioterrorism planning.
- Consider back up for all incident command positions. Each position in incident command should have a back up, as some staff members could be involved in the disaster themselves. Crawford County Health Department had two employees that were affected. One was the lead immunization nurse, and the other was the records clerk for mental health. Both totally lost their homes, and their personal belongings.
- Signage is one of the most important steps to take early in the disaster.

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One of the most useful items was the "Health Department" vests that identified public health presence at the site (vests were courtesy of Labette County Health Department).



A health department banner was also useful in identifying the presence of the health department at the command center.

- Technology is very useful in times of a disaster. PDA's are most helpful in

disasters as all numbers, addresses, faxes, mobile phone numbers, and pager numbers are readily available.

- Old technology is very useful as well. It was found that baling wire and duct tape were two items that were needed continually.
- The need for universal forms was recognized by the team. Although forms were similar, there were differences that slowed staff responses.
- Need for forms with less data and simplified health histories. People were in a state of shock and needed to be directly focused on only relevant history questions. One particular problem was the address, as this was a moment of realization to many people that they no longer had a home, no longer had an address. At this point, these communities had no street signs, no trees, no homes and no landmarks.
- Evaluate the gaps that may occur between health departments and EMS. Health departments may want to consider being prepared for first aid during a disaster. EMS is usually more prepared for the more major injury events.
- Better understanding of the incident command system by public health staff. Public health staff should have further training in incident command. Crawford County Health Department staff was taken on site so a better understanding of incident command could be achieved.
- Evaluate the distance covered by your regional area, as it could be too large to be managed efficiently. Some of our counties in the Lower Eight of SEK would have responded to our need, however, consideration had to be given to the travel time to and from the disaster site, and assuring no gaps of service occurred in their communities as well.
- Plans should be made for manning more than one incident command center. Due to the amount of area that was destroyed, we manned two incident command systems that is something that had not been considered before.
- Understand that life goes on during a disaster and other programs need to be continued. Although the disaster was widespread in our county, we still had clients needing WIC, Family Planning, TB meds, etc.

- Plan for crossing state borders. For those counties close to state borders, it would be helpful to have those relationships already established.
- Need for improved protocols that would cover areas served in a disaster. There is a need to have standard protocols that are generic covering services that are in demand at the time of a disaster.
- Someone from the agency you are representing should be in direct contact with FEMA.
- Barriers to health care should be broken during a disaster. Crawford County strongly feels that if there is a health need those needs should be met immediately—no matter how difficult. (Such as being on site.)
- Existing problems become worse. If an existing problem such as aging, physical handicap, or mental illness pre-existed the disaster, be ready for these conditions to worsen. An adequate resource network becomes important.
- Recognize the needs of the community and RESPOND!! There were many needs that the people had. Some medical, some non-medical. Those needs should be responded to quickly and efficiently.

While this article is focusing on the public health side of a disaster, one must understand that there were many other agencies working just as hard or harder to achieve their goals. And for that reason alone, we are very proud of the professionals in our community and the job that they did so very well. While the homes and buildings were totally destroyed, the resiliency of the community was strengthened and certainly was not gone with the wind.

Crawford County would like to thank **everyone** that offered assistance/or gave assistance. A special thank you to KDHE, Betty Grindol, Jon Anderson, Joe Cukjati, Labette County Health Department, Montgomery County Health Department, and the Lower Eight of SEK Regional Bioterrorism Group. It is Crawford County's desire to be as considerate and supportive as you. Thank you.



Area Residents Keeping Their Sense of Humor

CHADD, CDC Announce Opening of First National AD/HD Resource Center

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announce the opening of the National



Resource Center (NRC) on attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD). NRC is the nation's first national clearinghouse dedicated to the evidence-based science and treatment of AD/HD. The web site includes information on diagnosis and treatment of AD/HD, dealing with the legal, insurance and public benefits systems, and living with AD/HD. For additional information visit the NRC website at <http://www.help4adhd.org> or call their toll-free number at (800) 233-4050.

IN MEMORY of JUDY BINNS



On May 6, 2003, Judy Binns, RN, past administrator of Scott County Health Department was killed in a car accident. Judy was 62 years old. She was married to Hugh Binns on February 26, 1961, and they were blessed with two children; Mike and Marci.

Judy had worked in several hospitals during her nursing career and the last 15 years were spent at the Scott County Health Department, Scott City, KS.

Many kind words have been spoken and written about Judy's life. Here are a few:

"Judy loved people. She was a natural nurse; lovely, caring and compassionate. She was tireless and always went the extra mile. Family was the center of her world. She was a nurse with a very special calling. For many in the Scott community she was an *Angel of Mercy*."

Judy will be greatly missed by her husband, children, grandchildren, church family, co-workers, friends, and her community.

WOMEN WHO QUIT SMOKING

American Journal of **EPIDEMIOLOGY**

The
May
28,

2003, Minneapolis Star Tribune reported on a recent study published in this week's issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology, which found that women smokers who quit recover their ability to breathe quicker than men who quit. According to the article, the researchers followed 5,300 people at ten study sites over five years. They took annual measurements of the amount of air smokers could expel in one second, which is a standard measurement of lung function. According to the article, the researchers found that in the first year after quitting, women's lung function increased from 78 to 82 percent of normal, while men's lung function increased from 79 to nearly 81 percent of normal. At the end of the five years, women who quit had improved an average of nearly 2 percent, while men's capacity had improved by 0.4 percent. The article cites one of the researchers who asserted that women tend to have smaller airways than men, which may be why quitting seems to benefit them more in this regard.

NEW POLICIES COULD IMPROVE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS



A new report from The Commonwealth Fund reveals that nearly two out of five college graduates and one-half of high school graduates who do not go on to college will experience a time

without health insurance in the first year after graduation. Young adults are often dropped from their parents' policies or public insurance programs at age 19, or when they graduate from college, and then struggle to find jobs with health benefits. The study also found that they are far more likely to be uninsured than older adults: four of 10 young adults between the ages of 19 and 29 can expect to be uninsured at some time during the year-twice the rate of adults ages 30 to 64. The report, entitled "Rite of Passage: Why Young Adults Become Uninsured and How New Policies Can Help," points to targeted policy options that could extend coverage to more young adults and help others keep it. For example, requiring private

insurers to extend dependent coverage to unmarried adults through age 23 could insure 500,000 to 1 million adults. To view the report, visit

http://www.cmwf.org/programs/insurance/collins_rifteofpassage_ib_649.pdf

Public Health Personnel Update

Yvonne Gibbons - Yvonne has been appointed the Executive Director/Health Officer of Salina-Salina County Health Department. She began working at the health department as a home health nurse in 1974 and has been the Personal Health Supervisor since the early 80's. Altogether, Yvonne has been at the health department for 30 years. She is currently working on her MPH through WSU. She is married and has five children.

Charles "Chuck" McMaster - has resigned as the administrator of Leavenworth County Health Department.

Juila O'Neil, ARNP, MSN - has resigned as the administrator of Marshall County Health Department, Marysville.

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Northeast: Next meeting September 11, 2003, at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10am-3pm.

North Central: Next meeting is scheduled from 9:30am-3pm on June 24, 2003 at the Smith County Health Department.

Northwest: Next meeting is August 14, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the NW Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please RSVP to Georgetta Schoenfeld for a lunch count at 785-672-4502 or email at lgcohedgeorgetta@colbyweb.com.

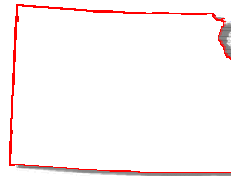
Southwest: Meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2003, from 9am-3pm at the Garden City Library in Garden City.

Central KS: Next meeting is July 23, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the Reno County Health Department in Hutchinson.

South Central Coalition: Next meeting is July 11, 2002, from 9am-3pm at the Ambulance Barn in Pratt.

Southeast: Next meeting is August 7, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the Holiday Park Motel, 3030 S. Santa Fe, Chanute

AROUND THE STATE



Shawnee County Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Program

The Shawnee County Health Agency in Topeka, Kansas, has received a federal grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to begin a Medical Reserve Corps volunteer program. The Medical Reserve



Corps is a component of Citizen Corps, under the USA Freedom Corps initiated by President Bush. Citizen Corps initiatives help promote local preparedness and capacity for communities and citizens to respond to emergencies and bioterrorism.

The Medical Reserve Corps provides an opportunity for volunteers with **medical skills**, **mental health skills**, and a variety of **other specialties** to provide support during an emergency in Shawnee County. Emergency situations where volunteers may be used can include:

Public Health emergencies, including illness outbreaks or bioterrorism

Disasters (where medical personnel are needed)

During emergencies Medical Reserve Corps volunteers provide "surge" capacity to the local emergency system. When local emergency responders are inundated during a crisis, Medical Reserve Corps volunteers would be assigned to different emergency sites to help distribute pharmaceuticals, provide vaccinations, assist in minor medical care, or help traumatized people and their families. A variety of skilled volunteers are needed, including (but not limited to)

- Doctors
- Nurses
- LPNs
- Psychologists and mental health professionals
- Students in health professions
- Translators
- Computer specialists
- Clergy

- Pharmacists
- Social Workers

Volunteers can be **active** in their profession, **inactive, retired or students**.

During times of non-emergency, volunteers will be advocates for public health and wellness in the community. They will provide community education on immunizations, smoking, exercise, and weight management, and assist with flu vaccination clinics during the flu season.

The Shawnee County Medical Reserve Corps is currently working on building the program structure by addressing issues of credentialing, liability, training, policies, and a service project outline. Volunteer recruitment is projected to begin in August-September, 2003.

If your area is interested in starting a Medical Reserve Corps program, there are some different options to consider. If you wish to pursue funding from the Department of Health & Human Services to begin a MRC program, you may contact HHS or the Office of the Surgeon General to learn more about applying for a grant. However, you may also begin a Medical Reserve Corps without funding if you desire. There are "Registered" and "Recognized" Medical Reserve Corps possibilities. These designations are based on certain criteria set by the Office of the Surgeon General. You can learn more at:

<http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/pdf/regrecdoc.pdf>

****Note:** A local Citizen Corps Council or other Citizen Corps programs are NOT pre-requisites for establishing a Medical Reserve Corps. A Medical Reserve Corps may develop as an independent program. However, if a Citizen Corps Council exists in your community, the Medical Reserve Corps should be an active partner and participant.

To learn more about the Shawnee County Medical Reserve Corps; for general information, volunteer opportunities, and other questions contact:

Tisha Sinclair
Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator
Shawnee County Health Agency
785-368-2736

tish.Sinclair@co.shawnee.ks.us

For other local communities interested in beginning a Medical Reserve Corps program, visit: Medical Reserve Corps web site

<http://medicalreservecorps.gov> or the Office of Surgeon General web site (including some funding information)

<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/topics/mrc>

Crawford County Public Health Awards

Crawford County Health Department recognized three organizations Tuesday, June 10, 2003, with the annual Community Service Awards for public health. Three organizations collaborate with one another in offering services for at-risk children. These agencies target early identification of children at risk. Commission Chair Bob Kmiec presented individual plaques to representatives from SEK-CAP Head Start, the Discovery Program, and the Southeast Kansas Interlocal 637. The names will also go on a large plaque in the commission room of the courthouse.

NEWS CAPS

Online Health Information

Health and Human Services expands online health information for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. Available at <http://www.healthfinder.gov/justforyou>, the user-



friendly Web site brings together multi-lingual information in Cambodian, Chinese, Hmong, Korean, Laotian, Samoan, Thai, Tongan and Vietnamese. The new consumer resource will be useful to caregivers, patients and others

searching for health information on behalf of individuals more comfortable in their native language.

Complementing the new healthfinders section is "Asian American Health," a companion Web site launched by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

National Library of Medicine. Found at <http://asianamericanhealth.nlm.nih.gov>, the site features census data on major Asian American populations, background on cultural traditions and heritage, links to health policy offices, online medical databases, publications and other organizations.

According to the 2000 census, more than 12 million Americans identify themselves as Asian American, Native Hawaiians, or other Pacific Islanders. In addition, Asian Americans are exceedingly diverse, coming from nearly 50 countries and ethnic groups, each with distinct cultures, traditions and histories.



Treating Obesity-Related Condition Costs \$93 Billion Per Year



With more than half of Americans now either overweight or obese, a new web exclusive article in the journal Health Affairs estimates

that these conditions are contributing as much as \$93 billion to the nation's yearly medical bill. Public payers-Medicare and Medicaid-finance about half of these costs, a group of economists concluded in a recent article. This study is the first of its kind to assess the effect of being overweight and obese on select payers, including individuals, private insurers, Medicare and Medicaid. Based on individual's self-reports, Medicaid recipients had the highest prevalence of obesity, nearly ten percentage points higher than the national average. The combined prevalence of overweight and obesity averages 53.6% across all insurance categories but is largest for those enrolled in Medicare (56.1%). Because obesity is associated with chronic disease such as cancer, heart disease, and diabetes, obesity-related expenditures among seniors are expected to be significantly higher than the cost of obesity among younger populations.

"National Medical Spending Attributable to Overweight and Obesity: How Much, and Who's Paying?" Is available on the journal's web site at http://healthaffairs.org/WebExclusives/Finkelstein_Web_Excl_051403.htm

Language Services Tool Kit



A language services tool kit is available for advocates working to ensure that people with limited English proficiency get appropriate language assistance services in medical settings. The kit explains

relevant federal policies, describes how states secure federal funds to help pay for language services in their Medicaid and SCHIP programs, provides information to demonstrate the need for language services, and offers resources and suggestions for undertaking advocacy efforts. The tool kit will be available this month. To obtain a copy, e-mail your contact information to LEPactionkit@accessproject.org or call (617) 654-9911.

Knowledge Path: Spanish-Language Health Resources



This knowledge path points to recent, high-quality Spanish-language health resources for health professionals and consumers. While most of the resources cover a wide range of health topics, we offer a selection in each section that focuses on topics of interest to families and professionals in the maternal and child health (MCH) community. This guide is updated annually and may be found at

http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_sp_anish.html. The guide includes:

- Web Sites and Electronic Publications
- Health Hotlines
- Journal Articles
- Books, Reports, and Other Print Publications
- Databases
- Electronic Discussion Group

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Bureau of Health Promotion

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The Bureau of Health Promotion, Office of Injury & Disability has received funding for a grant through the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Grant #U17/CCU715927-06). This grant will enable implementation for programs to prevent residential fire-related injuries and deaths in rural, non-remote communities in Kansas. One of the objectives of the KFIPP grant is to expand local capacity for the prevention and control of fire related injuries and death by providing funding to at least four communities with less than 50,000 population. These communities will be asked to install 10-year lithium smoke detectors, deliver fire safety education, and evaluate program efforts over the course of this year's project. A total of \$20,000 will be divided among the four communities.

The deadline for submitting an application will be August 15, 2003. The award will be announced on/around October 1, 2003.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to request information about the Kansas Fire Injury Prevention Program (KFIPP) Grant, please contact Lisa Tenbrink at (785) 368-7290.

Community Health Centers

Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson announced 31 new grants to help communities nationwide establish comprehensive health centers that will treat approximately 254,000 patients, many of whom lack health insurance. The grants, which total \$16 million, are part of the five-year Health Centers Initiative, a program to establish 1,200 new and expanded health centers nationwide and to raise the number of patients that the centers treat each year from about 10 million to 16 million by 2006.

naccho

For more information about how local public health agencies can collaborate with community health centers, visit

<http://www.naccho.org/search.cfm?topicID=19&nmresults=all&showabstract=yes>

GENERAL WORKSHOPS/TRAINING

Key Points of Crisis and Risk Communication

Heartland Centers
for Public Health Workforce Development

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment - Bioterrorism Program In Collaboration with the Heartland Center at St. Louis University's School of Public Health Is Proud to Present:

The Key Points of Crisis and Risk Communication

Presented by Dr. Vincent Covello, PhD
Director of the Center for Risk Communication
New York, NY



Dr. Covello is a nationally and internationally recognized trainer, researcher, consultant, and expert in risk and crisis communication. He has consulted for several hundred government agencies and Fortune 500 companies. Dr. Covello's most recent assignments include trainings, workshops, and consultations related to public communications about anthrax, smallpox, radioactive waste disposal, hazardous waste sites, mining, West Nile Virus, mad cow disease, bioterrorism, and air quality issues in lower Manhattan. Dr. Covello has authored or edited more than 25 books and over 75 published articles on risk assessment, risk management, and risk communication.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Dr. Covello speak. The locations, dates and times are listed below:

Monday - July 28, 2003, 1-4:30pm at the Capital Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd.

Tuesday - July 29, 2003, 8:30am-12 noon at the Wichita Airport Hilton, 2098 Airport Road

There is no cost to attend, but attendees must register in advance by July 21, 2003. For further information please contact Mike Cameron, Risk Communication Specialist, Kansas Bioterrorism Program at 785-368-8053 or e-mail at mcameron@kdhe.state.ks.us.

Basic Epidemiology Courses

During the month of May a Basic Epidemiology Course: "Introduction to Basic Epidemiology" was offered in Garden City, Oakley, Salina, Wichita, Chanute and Topeka. The training was well received by 112 attendees, which included nurses, medical investigators, BT regional coordinators, sanitarians, etc. The session provided a comprehensive overview of the basic principles and practice of epidemiology. Denise Curtis, Senior Epidemiologist, will present the two remaining training sessions "Outbreak Investigation" and "Surveillance". Please contact Amber Hermreck for further information at 785-296-8115 or ahermreck@kdhe.state.ks.us.

The schedule for these training sessions are listed below:

Outbreak Investigation

Garden City - July 9
Oakley - July 10
Topeka - July 18
Salina - July 22
Chanute July 24
Wichita - July 28

Surveillance

Garden City - September 3
Oakley - September 4
Salina - September 8
Chanute - September 18
Topeka - September 19
Wichita - September 30

Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds

Sponsored by
Kansas Public Health WALD Center
Heartland Center for Public Health
Workforce Development



Heartland Centers
for Public Health Workforce Development

The Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds is a three-part educational series that will take an in-depth look at current topics affecting the public health workforce in Kansas. Three day long seminars will be presented at the KU School of Medicine - Wichita and will be simultaneously broadcast live to sites in Pittsburg, Salina, Hays, Garden City, Topeka, and Kansas City. The first topic of the series is:

CULTURAL COMPETENCY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

July 25, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Presented by:
Stacie L. Walton, MD, MPH
Darcell P. Scharff, PhD

All sessions in the Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds are FREE, however advance registration is required. For more information please contact Becky Gruhn at 316-293-2606 or e-mail bgruhn@kumc.edu.

Smallpox Expansion Program - Initial Phase

July 14, 2003	July 21, 2003
Capitol Plaza Hotel	Airport Hilton
1717 SW Topeka, Blvd.	2089 Airport Road
Topeka	Wichita

This training is targeted towards those local health departments approved to operate vaccination clinics in the initial expansion program. Highlights of the training are:

- Requirements of the National Smallpox Vaccination Program

- Logistical considerations and functional guidance for implementing a smallpox vaccination clinic
- Who should/should not receive the smallpox vaccination
- Reporting requirements for administering a smallpox clinic
- Developing a communications message
- How to administer the smallpox vaccine

Pre-registration is necessary. For further information please contact Terri Ploger-McCool, BT Training Coordinator at 785-291-3796 or e-mail tplogerm@kdhe.state.ks.us.

What You Need to Know and How to Use It



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Hospital Association are sponsoring a one-day seminar entitled "Personal Protective Equipment and Decontamination Equipment, What You Need to Know and How to Use It." The seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in Wichita, Kansas on July 16, 2003 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. The seminar is designed to provide attendees with an overview of the basic types and uses of equipment, guidelines for determining equipment needs, and a review of OSHA related guidelines. During the afternoon session attendees will have an opportunity to "try out" various types of equipment and consult with safety industry representatives.

There are no prerequisites to attend this course, but pre-registration is necessary. Registration is limited, so register early. Registration deadline is July 9, 2003. This program is designed for hospital and public health department personnel. A brochure is located at the end of this issue.

AHEC



Mary Beth Warren, Robert Smoot, Ruby Jane Davis

Area Health Education Centers (AHECs)

Look for the AHEC trainings at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call at 785-628-6128
Ruby Jane Davis

SW Kansas – Register or call at 620-275-0259
Robert Smoot

SE Kansas – Register or call at 620-235-4040 Mary
Beth Warren

SAVE THE DATE!!! 3rd Annual
Sizzlin' Summer symposium July
16-17, 2003 – "Trauma on the
Plains" – Hays



Kansas Asthma Coalition (KAC)



The next Kansas Asthma Coalition (KAC) Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 17th from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Johnson County Health Department, 11875 S. Sunset,

Olathe, KS.

Meeting topics:

- * The asthma grant project KAC is conducting in private day-care settings
- * Asthma education in schools
- * Advocacy for asthma initiatives at the national level

* Decide how KAC can be most effective

Lunch will be served at noon. For additional information about KAC, please contact Lynne Crabtree, Secretary-Treasurer at American Lung Association of Kansas (785) 272-9290 ext. 101.

Healthy Start Home Visitors Six Regions



Region 1 Northeast Kansas - Meeting Site – Topeka - Doniphan, Brown, Nemaha, Marshall, Washington, Riley, Pottawatomie, Jackson, Atchison, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson, Douglas, Shawnee, Wabaunsee, Geary, Morris, Lyon, Chase, Osage, Franklin, Miami, Linn, Anderson, Coffey.

Region 2 Southeast Kansas - Meeting Site – Chanute - Greenwood, Woodson, Allen, Bourbon, Crawford, Neosho, Wilson, Elk, Chautauqua, Montgomery, Labette, Cherokee.

Region 3 North-Central Kansas - Meeting Site – Salina - Smith, Jewell, Republic, Osborne, Mitchell, Cloud, Clay, Lincoln, Ottawa, Ellsworth, Saline, Dickinson.

Region 4 South - Central Kansas - Meeting Site – Wichita - Barton, Rice, McPherson, Marion, Butler, Harvey, Reno, Stafford, Pawnee, Edwards, Kiowa, Pratt, Kingman, Sedgwick, Cowley, Sumner, Harper, Barber, Comanche.

Region 5 Northwestern Kansas - Meeting Site – Oakley - Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Phillips, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham, Rooks, Wallace, Logan, Gove, Trego, Ellis, Russell, Ness, Rush.

Region 6 Southwestern Kansas - Meeting Site - Garden City - Greeley, Wichita, Scott, Lane, Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Hodgeman, Ford, Gray, Haskell, Grant, Stanton, Morton, Stevens, Seward, Meade, Clark.

The first 2 sessions of the Regional Meetings for Healthy Start Home Visitors (HSHV) have already taken place, but the remaining sessions with dates, times and sites are listed below. The topics for the first educational training will be Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Folic Acid.

July 10th - NC Kansas – 2pm-4pm at the Saline County Health Department, 125 W. Elm, Salina, KS 67401 785-826-6600

July 14th - SC Kansas - 10am-12pm at the SIDS Network Office, Suite 14, 1148 S. Hillside (office is located 1 ½ miles south of Kellogg on Hillside), Wichita, KS 67211, 316-682-1301

August 19th - NW Kansas - 10am-12pm at the Colonial Steak House, I-70 and Hwy 83, Oakley, KS 67748, 785-672-4720

August 21st - SW Kansas - 10am-12pm at the Finney County Library (Hutchison Room), 605 E. Walnut, Garden City, KS, 620-272-3680

Please contact Christine Tuck, RN, Child Health Consultant, Bureau of Children, Youth and Families for KDHE if you have any questions or concerns. Phone 785-296-7433 or email

ctuck@kdhe.state.ks.us

Asthma Educator Workshop



The American Lung Association of Kansas is providing an "Asthma Educator Workshop" based

upon *NHLBI Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of asthma, and ALA/ATS Operational Standards for Asthma Education*. This two-day workshop focuses on assuring a high level of competency for the therapists and pharmacists. There is lecture as well as skills demonstration sessions in this two-day workshop from experts in the field of asthma across Kansas. After completion of the workshop participants may sit for a national asthma educator exam and become "Asthma Educators". Third Party Reimbursement is available for this service. The workshop will be offered at the KU Edwards Campus in Overland Park on October 23rd and 24th.

For more information or to sign up for the workshop call 1-800-586-4872 (The American Lung Association of Kansas), or go to their website at: <http://www.kslung.org> for more information.

WEB SITES

Websites for Hearing Screening Instructors

Better understanding of *acute otitis media* with tympanogram exercises and tympanic membrane exercises.

<http://atc.utmb.edu/aom/Practice/exercises.htm>

General resource information and includes link on how to Read Your Audiogram: <http://www.earinfo.com>

Photos of the ear: <http://www.entusa.com/>



Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing - KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program at <http://www.ku.edu/schools>

Washburn PHN Certification Program: email Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu
ANA's web site at <http://www.rnce.org>

Online Continuing Education

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars –

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us>. Click on the calendar you wish to view.

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings at

<http://www.trainingfinder.org>.

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine–

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

CDC BT Training–

<http://bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness –

<http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness –

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers –

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers –

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resurces.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers –

<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/index.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice –

<http://www.Trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND DECONTAMINATION EQUIPMENT

WHAT YOU NEED AND HOW TO USE IT

July 16, 2003

Holiday Inn Select, Wichita

Presented by

Kansas Hospital Association
Kansas Department of Health and Environment

OVERVIEW

With so many different types of personal protective equipment (PPE) and decontamination equipment available, it can be overwhelming trying to decide what you need. This seminar will provide attendees with an overview of the basic types and uses of equipment, guidelines for determining your equipment needs and a review of related OSHA guidelines. After lunch, attendees will have the opportunity to “tryout” various types of equipment and get individual consultations with industry representatives.

LOCATION/HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Holiday Inn Select

549 S. Rock Road, Wichita
(316) 686-7131

Special room rate: \$72.00, plus tax

Ask for Kansas Hospital Association Room Block

Block held until: July 1, 2003

ATTIRE

Casual attire is suggested for this seminar. Temperatures in meeting rooms are somewhat difficult to control; therefore, we recommend you dress in layers to allow for these variances.

REGISTRATION

Register for this seminar using the attached form.

\$40 per person (includes lunch and materials)

Pre-registration Deadline: **July 9, 2003**

Questions: Alta Johnson (785) 233-7436

SPONSORS

We would like to thank the Kansas bioterrorism regions for helping underwrite the costs of this seminar which allowed us to reduce the registration fee for participants.

AGENDA

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| 8:30 am | Registration |
| 9:00 am | Introductions
Pat Cockrill, Fisher Safety |
| 9:15 am | Overview of Levels A, B, C and D
Personal Protective Equipment
Steve Grego, Fisher Safety |
| 10:00 am | Break |
| 10:15 am | Overview of Respiratory Equipment:
N 95 APR through Airline
Steve Lulow, 3M Company |
| 11:00 am | Protective Clothing Options for
Health Care
Maureen Scott, Dupont Protective Apparel |
| Noon | Lunch |
| 12:30 pm | Hands-on Review of Equipment |
| 1:30 pm | Adjourn |



REGISTRATION



Personal Protective Equipment and Decontamination Equipment



Registration The registration fee for this seminar is \$40 per person. This fees include refreshments, lunch and program materials.

Pre-Registration Deadline Pre-registration for this seminar closes at 5 p.m. on July 9, 2003.
Registrations received after July 9 will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Refund Policy (This policy applies to all cancellations received in any manner, including mail, telephone or fax.)
A full refund will be given for cancellations received by KHA prior to July 9. Registrations may be transferred to another individual. No refund will be given for cancellations received on or after July 9.

Special Services KHA wishes to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded or denied services due to the absence of auxiliary aides or services. If you need any of the aides or services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Alta Johnson at (785) 233-7436.

Three Easy Ways to Register (Please pay e-mailed and faxed registrations with a credit card.)

- **E-mail** – ajohnson@kha-net.org (Please give credit card information.)
- **Fax** – your registration to (785) 233-6955. Fax available 24 hours every day. (Please give credit card information.)
- **Mail** – your registration to: Kansas Hospital Association, P.O. Box 1038, Topeka, Kansas 66601.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Organization Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

e-mail Address: _____

Make check payable to the Kansas Hospital Association and return the completed form to KHA, P.O. Box 1038, Topeka, KS 66601.

Credit card payment is available only for those participants who preregister.

Please check method of payment:

- ☐ **Check Enclosed.** (Please make check payable to KHA.)
- ☐ **Credit Card Acct. #:** _____
- ☐ **Visa** ☐ **MasterCard** **Expiration Date:** _____

Registration Fee:
\$40 per person

Cardholder's Signature: _____